

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for carrying a munitions container ~~(1)~~, characterized in that as the carrying element a band ~~(2)~~ is provided, that one end ~~(10)~~ of the band is permanently connected with the munitions container ~~(1)~~ and that the munitions container ~~(1)~~ has several detent positions ~~(5; 9)~~ into which the other end ~~(11)~~ of the band ~~(12)~~ is detentably insertable to provide for an adjustment of a variable and usable for carrying free band length.
2. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, further characterized in that a preferably cylindrical detent bar ~~(3)~~ is connected to the loose end ~~(11)~~ of the band ~~(2)~~, which detent bar is detentably insertable into a detent position ~~(5; 9)~~ of the munitions container ~~(11)~~ which detent position has a contour conforming to that of the detent bar ~~(3)~~.
3. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further characterized in that the permanently fixed end ~~(10)~~ of the band ~~(2)~~ is arranged on one container half outer side ~~(12)~~ and the detent positions ~~(5; 9)~~ into which the toggle bar ~~(3)~~ arranged on the free end ~~(11)~~ of the band ~~(2)~~ is insertable are located on the outer side ~~(13)~~ of the other container half.
4. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ further characterized in that the detent positions ~~(5; 9)~~ are so arranged on a container half ~~(13)~~, that at the opposite end of the outer side (12) from the permanent band connection an opening ~~(14)~~ for the band ~~(2)~~ begins and proceeds through both container halves ~~(12; 13)~~ so that the band ~~(2)~~ is variably detentably insertable into the different detent positions ~~(5; 9)~~.
5. (Amended) An apparatus according to ~~one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1 further characterized in that band ~~(2)~~ is arranged in recesses ~~(6; 7)~~ on the outer side of each container half ~~(12; 13)~~.

6. (Amended) An apparatus according to ~~one of claims 1-5~~ claim 1 further characterized in that the recesses ~~(6; 7)~~ have gripping depressions ~~(8)~~ for the gripping of the band ~~(2)~~.
7. (Amended) An apparatus according to ~~one of claims 1-6~~ claim 1 further characterized that for a completely inwardly drawn band 2 the toggle bar 3 is detentably insertable into a further detent position ~~(4)~~.
8. (Amended) An apparatus according to ~~one of claims 1-7~~ claim 1 further characterized in that the band ~~(2)~~ is preferably a flat textile band.
9. An apparatus according to ~~one of claims 1-8~~ claim 1 further characterized in that a band ~~(2)~~ is arranged in the longitudinal direction on the container halves ~~(12; 13)~~ and in the transport position ~~(15)~~ forms a loop ~~(16)~~, the axial span length of which loop corresponds nearly to the total container length.